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on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I just want to comment on the conversations that you have just heard between Senator Bourne and Senator Kristensen, and they're both right. You know, there should be standards of care, however, acupuncturists do not hold themselves out to be doctors. They do not call themselves doctors. They call themselves licensed acupuncturists. The medical society, Nebraska Medical Association, recognizes and allows and licenses acupuncture treatments given by chiropractors, given by medical doctors, without nearly the amount of treat...of training that the acupuncturists do receive. And what they also said was correct in that this particular original Kristensen amendment does broaden the scope of the bill and if I had been having my wits about me that day perhaps I would have challenged the germaneness issue and then we might not even be dealing with it at this time. I didn't do that, so we deal with it now. Perhaps this is something that should be addressed, but not on this bill. It...it very likely should have an additional bill introduced next year; have its own public hearing so everybody understands what is trying to be done. I don't think that's the case in this issue. I do appreciate Senator Kristensen is willing to...to pull back just a little bit and I appreciate Senator Hilgert's comments to the same issue. So, with...with your thinking the same way, hopefully you will vote yes on the Kristensen amendment, which does slightly weaken the original Kristensen amendment and that's okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Bourne, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR BOURNE: Just...thank you, Mr. President. Members, I just wanted to clarify something that Senator Hudkins said. What this amend...she indicated that this amendment holds acupuncturists to the same standard of care, and that's not what this amendment does. Let me just go back through what we did last week. Last week Senator Kristensen introduced an amendment, and it was adopted by us, that